

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1-41 (Cancelled)

42.. (New) A tip portion for use in a replaceable tooth arrangement, said tip portion comprising a tip body portion and a tooth element,

the bottom face of the tip body portion, distal to the end with the tooth element, being tapered and wherein said bottom face is configured to interact with a complementary base portion with a tapered top face;

there being provision in the tip portion for a connection element to pass through to connect the tip portion to said complementary base portion;

the tip portion including a removed portion accommodating a tapered wedge keeper adapted such that said connection element can act upon and pass through same, the arrangement being that the connection element acts upon the wedge keeper which in turn bears against the tip portion to retain it in relation to said complementary base portion.

43. (New) A tip portion as claimed in claim 42 in which the connection element comprises a bolt, and the wedge keeper sits between the head of, or a nut associated with, said bolt and the tip body portion.

44. (New) A tip portion as claimed in claim 42 in which at least the part of the wedge keeper contacting the tip body portion is tapered relative to the longitudinal axis of the tip body portion, and said removed portion has faces, which contact the

wedge keeper, which are tapered at the same angle as the wedge keeper.

45. (New) A tip portion as claimed in claim 42 in which the relationship between the wedge keeper and tip body portion is such that if the wedge keeper is moved in a direction towards the end of the tip body portion distal the tooth element there is also a resultant outward component, perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the tip body portion, in its resulting movement.

46. (New) A tip portion as claimed in claim 42 in which said complementary base portion with which the tip portion interacts comprises a second tip portion.

47. (New) A tip portion as claimed in claim 46 in which both tip portions are of substantially identical tip body portion design.

48. (New) A tip portion as claimed in claim 42 in which the complementary base portion comprises a base element with a body portion adapted to interact with securing means for its attachment to a device in which the tooth is to be used.

49. (New) A tip portion as claimed in claim 48 in which the tip portion is for use in a grinding or chipping disc.

50. (New) A tip portion as claimed in claim 49 in which said disc comprises multiple sections, and the tip portion is for use in one of said sections.

51. (New) A tip portion as claimed in claim 42 in which the tip body portion is substantially circular in cross-section.

52. (New) A tip portion as claimed in claim 42 in which the tip body portion is tapered, such that the cross-section diameter changes along the length of the tip body portion.

53. (New) A tip portion as claimed in claim 52 in which the tip body portion is tapered such that its cross-sectional diameter decreases towards the end distal to the tooth element.

54. (New) A tip portion as claimed in claim 42 which is keyed or configured to be inserted into a disc, or section thereof, in a preferred rotational orientation.

55. (New) A tip portion as claimed in claim 42 in which the tip body portion is substantially polygonal along at least part of its length.

56. (New) A tip portion as claimed in claim 42 in which the angle of tapering on the bottom face of the tip body portion is within the inclusive range  $15^{\circ}$ - $75^{\circ}$  relative to the longitudinal axis of the tip body portion.

57. (New) A tip portion as claimed in claim 42 in which the angle of tapering on the bottom face of the tip body portion is within the inclusive range  $30^{\circ}$ - $60^{\circ}$  relative to the longitudinal axis of the tip body portion.

58. (New) A tip portion as claimed in claim 42 in which the tooth element is integrally formed with the tip body portion.

59. (New) A tip portion as claimed in claim 58 in which the tooth element has been subjected to a hardening process.

60. (New) A tip portion as claimed in claim 42 in which the tooth element has been coated with a hardened or abrasive material.

61. (New) A tip portion as claimed in claim 42 in which the tooth element comprises a material selected from the group comprising: hardened steels, tungsten carbides, ceramic materials, materials with embedded particles of diamond, boron nitride, composite materials including a hard substance.

62. (Currently Amended) A tip portion as claimed in claim 42 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ in which the tooth element is substantially chisel like in appearance.

63. (New) A tip portion as claimed in claim 42 when fastened to a said complementary base portion.

64. (New) A tip portion fastened to a complementary base portion, as claimed in claim 63, which includes a connection element for connecting the tip portion and complementary base portion.

65. (New) A tip portion fastened to a complementary base portion, as claimed in claim 63 characterised such that tightening the connection element moves contacting tip and complementary base portions in a direction having both a longitudinal and outward, perpendicular to the longitudinal, component.

66. (New) A tip portion fastened to a complementary base portion, as claimed in claim 63 in which said outward component is such that, when the tip portion and complementary base portion are inserted into an accommodating aperture, said outward component tightens the tip and base portions against the walls of said accommodating aperture.

67. (New) A tip portion fastened to a complementary base portion, as claimed in claim 63 in which the complementary base portion is fixed to a grinding disc.